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Resolution Urges the City Administration to Establish Procedures to Notify Property Owners Near the City's Proposed Fixed Guideway System

Proposed resolution ensures property owners directly impacted by the construction and operation of the fixed guideway system are adequately notified by the City

Honolulu City Council: Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz introduced Resolution 08-151 which urges the Administration to establish procedures to notify individual property owners along the route of the Locally Preferred Alternative who will be directly impacted by the city's transit project.

The resolution provides the opportunity for the property owners to ask questions of the city administration about the system that are specific to their properties, including the planning and construction schedule.

"We brought up concerns about property owners on the route being properly notified several times," said Dela Cruz. "Base on recent news articles, we want timely communication and transparency to be a priority."

The proposal also urges the Administration to establish this notification procedure for property owners within one-quarter mile of the transit line and transit stops. It also requests the Administration to provide property owners with a means of contacting the Department of Transportation Services regarding the system, including questions relating to the schedule for preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and proposed timeline for construction of various phases of the project.

"We want to make sure the project isn't delayed because property owners that could potentially be impacted weren't notified nor provided an opportunity to voice their concerns," said Dela Cruz. "We, the City, should be proactive."

For more information please contact Councilmember Dela Cruz at dmdelacruz@honolulu.gov, 768-5002.

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RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR INFORMING INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY OWNERS NEAR THE TRANSIT LINE AND TRANSIT STOPS OF THE CITY'S PROPOSED FIXED GUIDEWAY SYSTEM PROJECT.

WHEREAS, through Ordinance 07-001 the council selected a fixed guideway system as the Locally Preferred Alternative ("LPA") for the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project; and

WHEREAS, the council determined that the fixed guideway system best meets the long-term transit needs and demands of Oahu; and

WHEREAS, the LPA is defined in Ordinance 07-001 as a fixed guideway system between Kapolei and the University of Hawaii at Manoa, starting at or near the intersection of Kapolei Parkway and Kalaeloa Boulevard, with an alignment as follows:

- (1) Section I — Saratoga Avenue/North-South Road and Kamokila Boulevard, as determined by the city administration before or during preliminary engineering, to Farrington Highway;
- (2) Section II — Farrington Highway/Kamehameha Highway;
- (3) Section III — Salt Lake Boulevard and Aolele Street as determined by the city administration before or during preliminary engineering;
- (4) Section IV — Dillingham Boulevard; and
- (5) Section V — Nimitz Highway/Halekauwila Street/Kapiolani Boulevard to the University of Hawaii at Manoa, with the Waikiki branch;

and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 07-001 authorized the city administration to proceed with the preparation of an environmental impact statement for the LPA and with planning and preliminary engineering for a minimum operable segment; and

WHEREAS, despite community meetings and media coverage of the proposed fixed guideway system, it has been reported that many property owners along the route of the LPA are unaware of the proposed route and other aspects of the fixed guideway system; and



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WHEREAS, establishing a procedure to notify individual property owners along the route of the LPA who will be directly impacted by the construction and operation of the city's transit project would maximize public knowledge and reduce public anxiety by giving owners an opportunity to ask questions of the city administration about the system that are specific to their respective properties, including the planning and construction schedule; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that no later than December 2008, the city administration is requested to establish a procedure that requires individual notification of all owners of property located within one-quarter mile of the transit line and transit stops along the proposed route of the fixed guideway system, which provides such owners with a means of contacting knowledgeable personnel in the department of transportation services regarding the system, including questions relating to the schedule for preparation of the final environmental impact statement, and the proposed timeline for the construction of various phases of the project; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the mayor, the managing director and the director of transportation services.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers